

eastern shore, the governor, with the advice and consent of the council for the time being, shall appoint and commission one fit and proper person to supply his place; and every person appointed shall, before he acts in his office, take the oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to the government, and an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to execute his office diligently and faithfully, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice.

Value to be
returned,
&c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the value in current money of all escheat lands, and improvements thereon, and the real value in current money of all improvements on cultivated lands, on the eastern shore, shall be returned and certified by the surveyor, upon oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, at the time of returning his certificate of survey, and the treasurer of the eastern shore shall, in all such cases, finally ascertain the value of such lands and improvements, and shall receive the money therefor from the party.

Judge to be
appointed,
&c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, be hereby authorized to appoint and commission, on or before the first day of March next, a person of integrity and knowledge in the law, to be judge of the land office for the eastern shore, who shall reside at Easton on the said shore, and whose duty it shall be to hear and determine all disputes that shall happen or arise concerning the grant of lands, or the validity of surveys made and executed under warrants that shall be issued out of the said office after the said first day of March next, in like manner, and according to such rules or orders, as are or shall be established for the government and direction of the chancellor in the determination of like cases, and who shall thereafter have all the powers and authorities, with respect to land affairs on the eastern shore, that are now vested in the chancellor of this state as judge of the land office thereof; and in case of death, refusal, resignation or disqualification, of any person appointed judge as aforesaid, the governor and council may appoint another in his place; and any person appointed shall, before he acts in his office, take the oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to the government, and an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to execute his office diligently and faithfully, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice.

Party
aggrieved
may appeal,
&c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That any party or parties aggrieved by any judgment or determination of the said judge of the said land office for the eastern shore, shall have full power and right to appeal from any such judgment or determination to the chancellor of the state, as judge of the land office; and in all cases of such appeals, where the judgment or determination